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SUBJ :TIMEFRAME FOR SECRETARY'S MEETINGS WITH MIDDLE EAST
FOREIGN MINISTERS

1. WE WOULD LIKE TO PIN DOWN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE DATES
FOR THE TALKS BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND MIDDLE EAST FOREIGN
MINISTERS WHICH WERE AGREED UPON DURING THE SECRETARY'S
MIDDLE EAST TRIP. IN ORDER TO HAVE TIME FOR THE KIND OF
INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS THAT WE BELIEVE WILL BE DESIRABLE,
OUR VIEW IS THAT THESE TALKS SHOULD AT LEAST BEGIN IN THE
PERIOD PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE GENERAL DEBATE AT THE
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UNGA WHICH BEGINS THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26. THIS WOULD
SUGGEST THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS SHOULD, IF POSSIBLE, PLAN
TO BE HERE THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19. DAYAN IS ALREADY
SCHEDULED TO COME SEPTEMBER 15 AND FAHMY INDICATED THAT HE
WAS THINKING IN TERMS OF ARRIVING ABOUT SEPTEMBER 17. BOTH
PLAN TO COME TO WASHINGTON INITIALLY. THE SECRETARY'S
PRESENT PLANS ARE TO BE IN NEW YORK BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 26

AND OCTOBER 9, BUT HE WILL GO TO NEW YORK
DURING THE PERIOD BEFORE THE 26TH FOR MEETINGS IN THE PRE-
UNGA PERIOD WITH THOSE OF THE VISITING MINISTERS WHO CAN
GET HERE EARLY AND WISH TO MEET IN NEW YORK.

2. ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO SOUND OUT THEIR

RESPECTIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS ON THEIR THINKING ABOUT
DATES THEY WILL BE IN U.S. FOR NEXT ROUND OF MIDDLE EAST
PEACE TALKS, DRAWING ON INFORMATION IN PARA ONE ABOVE TO
INDICATE OUR THINKING. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS
SAUD AND BOUTROS MAY NOT CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO BE HERE
FOR INITIAL ROUND OF TALKS, WHICH WILL PARTICULARLY IN-
VOLVE ISRAELIS, EGYPTIANS, JORDANIANS AND SYRIANS, BUT
WE WANT THEM TO KNOW THAT THEY ARE ALSO WELCOME AS EARLY
AS IS CONVENIENT FOR THEM. VANCE

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